Florida Safe Routes to School Program

Background, Application & Evaluation Overview

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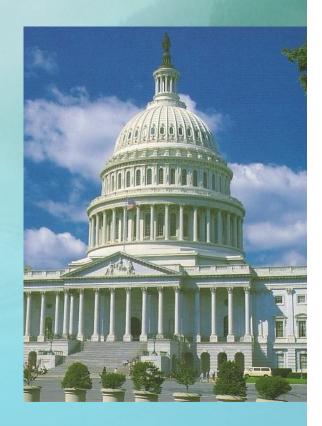
What is Safe Routes to School?

Sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of students by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.



The Federal SRTS Program was established in September, 2005

- \$1,146,511,860 to States
- Infrastructure (70% 90%) &
 Non-Infrastructure (10%-30%)
- Funded through September 2012
 - More information:
 FHWA http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes
 SRTS Clearinghouse www.saferoutesinfo.org





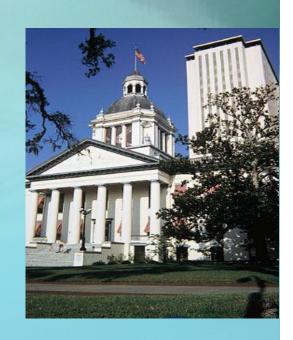






How did Florida do under SAFETEA-LU?

- \$58 million thru September 30, 2012
- Most funds distributed to 7 Districts
- Program managed by District under state guidelines and SRTS Coordinator
- 269 SRTS projects and programs
- Reached over 1000 schools





Florida's SRTS Program Structure

State SRTS Coordinator

- Established Guidelines, forms & website
- Provides program direction, training, project review & communication

District SRTS Contacts

- Overall responsibility for SRTS day to day contact with local schools, governments and others
- Review and rank applications and project sites, for submittal to State SRTS Coordinator

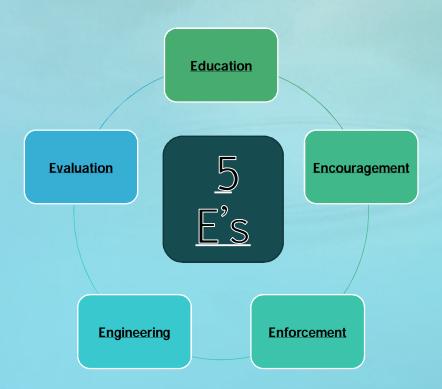


What we have learned

- Lots of interest in program more applications than can be funded
- SRTS takes a lot of work, but it is definitely worth it
- We started with a good process and have made modification as we learn more
- It takes all of the 5 E's to have a successful SRTS program



The 5 E's of Safe Routes to School





5 E's - EDUCATION

Educate about pedestrian and bicycle safety

Students





- Parents, neighbors and other drivers
 - www.alerttodayflorida.com











5 E's - ENCOURAGEMENT

Encourage to increase the popularity of walking and biking safely.

- ➤ Walking School Buses
- ➤ Bike Trains
- ➤ Walk to School Days
- ➤ Bike to School Days
- > Frequent walker and biker programs















5 E's - ENFORCEMENT



- Increases awareness of pedestrian and bicyclist
- > Improves driver behavior
- > Helps students follow traffic rules
- Decreases parent perceptions of danger



5 E's - ENGINEERING

Engineer for safe passage around the school and along the school route.

- > Creates safer, more accessible settings walking and biking
- > Can influence the way people behave









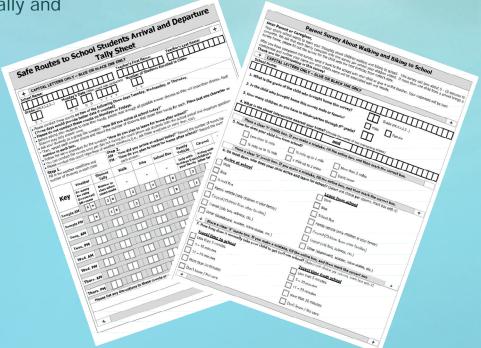


5 E's - EVALUATION

Evaluate using

➤ Student Travel Tally and

Parent Survey











Steps to Creating a Safe Routes to School Program

- 1. Bring together the right people
- 2. Gather information and identify issues
- 3. <u>Identify solutions</u>
- 4. Develop a plan
- 5. Fund the plan
- 6. Act on the plan
- 7. Evaluate, make changes and keep moving



1. Bring together the right people



Start with an existing committee with most of the right people and add the rest: like a CTST (make this a sub-committee), Safe Kids Coalition or a School Safety Committee. Make sure to include members from the 5 E's.











2. Identify Problems & Involve Many Partners

Example: Walkability Audits of School & neighborhood

Involve adults from many backgrounds, including neighbors who would be affected by a proposed project.





Also involve students. They use the facilities every day, know the problems and can provide solutions.

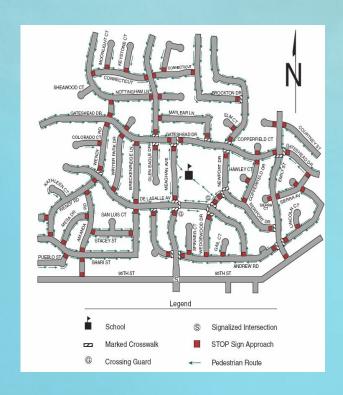








Example: School Walk Route Map



A school site plan should include a school walk route map:

- School facilities
- School entrances
- Crosswalks, streets, sidewalks
- Traffic control devices
- Adult crossing guards
- Student safety patrols
- Designated walking routes



3. IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS

List the goals and actions that will increase safety for cyclists and pedestrians and encourage more walking and bicycling to school. Clearly define:

- 1. Who is responsible?
- 2. Timeline for completion?
- 3. What resources are needed?



EXAMPLE ACTION ITEMS

ENGINEERING

- Flashing School Crossing Signs
- Bike Lanes

EDUCATION

Local dignitary speaking to students on bike/ped safety

ENFORCEMENT

- Speed monitors
- Bike patrols

ENCOURAGEMENT

- Parents informed of biking and walking importance
- School wide event



MORE EXAMPLE ACTION ITEMS

ANYTOWN SCHOOL'S 5 E's ACTION PLAN

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4. MAKE A PLAN

- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Education
- Engineering strategies
- Evaluation



5. FUND THE PLAN

There are several places to seek funding for SRTS program activities including:

- Florida's SRTS program
- Transportation Alternatives, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Program
- Environmental and air quality funds
- Health and physical activity funds
- County and city funding
- Philanthropic organizations



FLORIDA'S SRTS APPLICATION

Call for Applications December 1 - March 31

Eligible Applicants are Kindergarten through 12th grade schools or any school that has several of those grades.

Eligible Maintaining Agencies are:

- FDOT
- Counties
- Cities

Applicants are encouraged to engage other partnerships



WWW.SRTSFL.ORG

- Basic Program Information
- Application Guidelines
- Form
- SRTS Updates
- Website Resources List
- Helpful Links

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Application Process







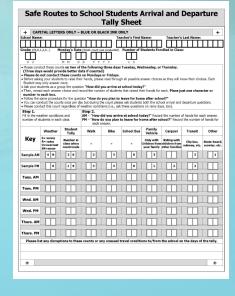


Collect Data









http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/









Fill out Infrastructure Application The Infrastructure Application Form is an efficial FDOT form #500,000,20

The Infrastructure Application Form is an official FDOT form #500-000-30. Search for it by number at this website:

http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/proceduraldocuments/forms/ByNumber.asp?index=5.
The Word version can be filled in electronically.



SECTION 1 - School, Applicant & Maintaining Agency Information

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General applicant information

Signature of School Board or School Representative - Mandatory

Maintaining Agency Signature

MPO/TPO Support/Signature



Florida's Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Application

Call for Applications
Note: fields will expand as needed



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Section 2 - Eligibility and Feasibility Criteria

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School-Based SRTS Committee		Notes: This section will help FDOT determine the eligibility and feasibility of the proposed project. Except for the questions in 2A-2C below answering "No" does not constitute elimination from project consideration. You must fulfill requirements in 2A-2C below before applying!
		A1. Has a school-based SRTS Committee (including school representation) been formed? Yes No A2. Has at least one meeting of this committee been held? Attach sign in sheet & minutes Yes No A3. Public notification of SRTS meeting?
Travel Tally and Parer	nt :	B1. Does the school agree to provide required data before and after the project is built, using the NCSRTS <u>Student In-Class Travel Tally</u> and <u>Parent Survey</u> forms at https://www.saferoutesinfo.org/resources/index.cfm following the schedule provided by the District?
		the proposed project is documented to the District. C. Have you provided either survey/as-builts or right of way documentation that provides detail to show that adequate
Dight of	F۱۸	sight of way exists for proposed improvement?
Right of	I V	Maintaining Agency Local Agency Program (LAP) Certified? (<u>currently</u> qualified & willing to enter into a State agree/hent requiring the agency to design, construct, and/or maintain the project, abiding by Federal, State, & local requirements?) Yes No
		Are they willing to become LAP Certified?
Certified		E. Who do you propose to be responsible for each phase of the project? Design: City County Other, Including FDOT (Explain below) Construction: City County Other, Including FDOT (Explain below) Maintenance: City County Other, Including FDOT (Explain below) If you checked Other, including FDOT for any of the above, please explain the responsible party for each phase, including who you have been talking to about this:
		F. Is the County/City willing to enter into an agreement with FDOT to do the following, if the District decides this is the best way to get the project completed:
Phase Responsibil	itν	Install and/or maintain any traffic engineering equipment included in this project?
Trides Responsis	,	G. Public Support - Explain your public information or public involvement process below. You may attach up to six unique letters, on official letterhead, from groups indicated below. The letters should indicate why and how the authors can support the proposed project at the affected school. What neighborhood association or other neighborhood meetings have been held to inform neighbors directly affected by this proposed project and the reaction? What PTA/PTO/school meetings have been held to inform parents and school staff about this project and the reaction?
Maintenance Agreem	en	Explain what other public meetings have been held, such as Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Planning Councils, Citizens' Advisory Committees, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Councils and Community Traffic Safety Teams and the reaction?
5		Explain what articles or letters to the editor have been written for newspapers, etc. and the reaction.
Public Suj	pp	Reads indicate whether you have attached letters of support from Law Enforcement or other individuals or groups not □ Yes □ No If the proposed project has been identified as a priority in a Bicycle/Pedestrian or other Plan, or is a missing link in a
		pedestrian or bicycle system, please explain:
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priority		November 2015 Florida's Application for SRTS Infrastructure Projects Page 2 of 5

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Section 3 - Background Information - 5 E's

the identified problem through each E so far, and what is plann	escribe the efforts your school and community have made to address ned in the future for each. Each box must be filled in. For more
information on the E's, see Florida's SRTS Guidelines and the 1. Engineering	SR I S Guide: http://www.sateroutesinto.org/quide/
1. Engineering 1A. Past:	1B. Future:
	th the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program etyEd/) or other education program, please provide details
2A. Past:	2B. Future:
3. Encouragement	
3A. Past:	3B. Future:
4. Enforcement	
4A. Past:	4B. Future:
5. Evaluation	
5A. Past:	5B. Future:

What has been done in the past and what is planned for the future for each of the five E's:

- Engineering
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Evaluation

NOTE: This section helps us decide whether the proper planning has been done at your school. We do not recommend that one person fill out multiple applications, since they often end up sounding identical. We need to know what makes your school unique and why it deserves funding instead of another school.









Section 4 - Problem Identification

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This section will help us understand your school's situation. If the proposed project includes more than one school, please give the
requested information for each school.
A. HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS
Opportunity to resolve a documented hazardous walking condition and eliminate the resultant school busing.
Yes No Include a discussion of public support for the project if busing were eliminated:
B. Are many students already walking or bicycling to this school in less than ideal conditions? Yes No
If Yes:
Explain more about the number of students affected:
Explain more about the conditions/obstacles which prevent walking or bicycling to your school:
C. Are enough students living near the school to allow many to walk or bike to school if conditions were improved?
Yes No
If Yes:
 Explain more about the number of student living near the school and how this relates to the anticipated
success of the proposed SRTS project:
D. Write a brief history of the neighborhood traffic issues as background for the proposed project:
E. How do the demographics of the school population relate to the anticipated success of the proposed SRTS project?
For instance, is there a population of students near the school from a culture which traditionally walks a lot?
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F. Provide the percent of free or reduced lunch program at the affected school:
G. STUDENT TRAVEL DATA:
School data: based on the Student In-Class Travel Tally:
a. Number of students currently walking to school:
b. Number of students currently biking to school:
c. Total currently walking or biking to school (add a & b)
d. Number of students in this school:
e. Percent of student in school currently walking or biking to school: (c divided by d):
2. Route Data:
Number of students from the affected schools living along the proposed route:
b. Based on (mark all that apply): *Existing School Data: *Visual Observation Survey: *Estimates:
c. Number of student currently walking or biking along this route:
d. Number of student currently walking or biking along this route. d. Number of student who could walk or bike along the proposed route after improvements:
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Hazardous Walking Conditions

Walking/Biking in Less Than Ideal Conditions

How Many Can Walk/Bike to School

Neighborhood Traffic

Demographics

Reduced Lunch Program

Student Travel Data

Route Data



Section 5 - Specific Infrastructure Improvement(s) Requested

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A. LOCATION Note: the entire proposed project must be within 2 miles of the school and in the attendance area for the affected schools.				
Request #1 St. Name:	Maintainir	ng Agency: 🔲 City 🔲 Count	ty 🔲 State	
From:	To:			
	to ½ mile		to 1 ½ miles; 1 ½ miles+	
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From:	To:			
Project's closest point to school: 0	to ½ mile	e; 🔲 ½ to 1 mile; 🔲 1 t	to 1 ½ miles; 1 ½ miles+	
See Attachment for additional project	_			
			to benefit from the project, such as other	
schools or colleges, parks, playground			ons:	
B. SIDEWALK, BIKE LANE, PAVED	SHOULD			
Continuation of Existing Sidewalk		New Sidewalk		
Continuation of Existing Bike Lane			e-striping or reconstruction)	
Continuation of Paved Shoulder	Continuation of Paved Shoulder New Paved Shoulder			
Continuation of Shared Use Path		New Shared Use Path		
Comments: describe below your requests in detail, including location, length, side of road, etc.				
Request #1: Request #2: See Attachment for additional project sites:				
Describe any other requests:				
C. TRAFFIC CONTROLS Mark all that apply in regard to traffic control devices: We have all necessary traffic control devices (Proceed to E)				
We need pedestrian signals (features) We need other school-related signals We need other school-related signs				
We need marked crosswalks We need other roadway markings				
Describe the existing and needed traffic controls:				
D. TRAFFIC DATA Notes: Posted				
St 1: Posted Speed Limit:	Operat	ing Speed:	AADT:	
St 2: Posted Speed Limit:	Operat	ing Speed:	AADT:	

Location - must be within 2 miles of school

Sidewalk, Bike Lane, Paved Shoulder or Shared Use Path

Traffic Controls

Traffic Data









Section 6 & 6B - Cost Estimate & Narrative

Section 6 - Cost Estimate This is designed to give FDOT a reasonable estimate of the cost of project. Make this cost estimate as accurate as possible. . FDOT Transportation Costs website gives various resources, including FDOT District contact in the Estimates Offices. who can help you with your cost estimate: www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/policy/costs/default.shtm Projects must follow appropriate design criteria. Projects on the State Highway System must follow the criteria in the Plans Preparation Manual (PPM) and FDOT Design Standards. Projects on local systems must meet the minimum the minimum standards and criteria in the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for streets and Highways (Florida Greenbook). These documents can be found on FDOT's web site at: www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/CS/CS.shtm Construction Cost Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Mobilization Subtotal Contingency (15% of Subtotal) Total Construction Cost Professional Engineering Design (15% or Total) Construction Engineering and Inspection (15% of Total) GRAND TOTAL Section 6B- Cost Estimate Narrative Attach a MANDATORY itemization of the construction costs & quantities by pay item.

NAME OF COST ESTIMATOR:

Construction Cost Maintenance of Traffic Mobilization

Contingency
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST

Professional Engineering Design Construction Engineering and Inspection

GRAND TOTAL

Itemize Construction Costs Name of Cost Estimator









Section 7 - Submission Checklist

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Notes: These will be counted toward total application score.

REQUIRED:

- A. Color project map showing school location
- B. Map showing existing conditions
- **C.** Map showing proposed improvements
- D. Map showing where students attending school live

ADDITIONAL:

- E. Traffic/Engineering report evaluating the problem
- F. Crash Data
- **G.** Color Digital photos showing existing conditions

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SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO

Dist	Contact	Phone	Email
1	David Jones	863-519-2247	David.Jones@dot.state.fl.us
2	Jeff Scott	904-360-5644	Jeffrey.Scott@dot.state.fl.us
3	Michael Lewis	850-330-1266	Mike.Lewis@dot.state.fl.us
	Barbara Lee	850-330-1428	Barbara.Lee@dot.state.fl.us
4	Tracey Xie	954-777-4355	Yujing.Xie@dot.state.fl.us
5	Tony Nosse	386-943-5334	Anthony.Nosse@dot.state.fl.us
	Joan Carter	386-943-5335	Joan.Carter@dot.state.fl.us
6	Misleidys Leon	305-470-5345	Misleidys.Leon@dot.state.fl.us
7	Matt Weaver	813-975-6254	Matthew.Weaver@dot.state.fl.us



Application Review Process

- District
 - ✓ District Safety Engineer makes sure applications are complete
 - ✓ Evaluation committee ranks applications using the SRTS Infrastructure Scoring Form
 - ✓ Does on-site inspection of the project sites or orders a concept report to make sure they are feasible to build
 - ✓ Submits selected projects to State SRTS Coordinator



Application Review Process (cont.)

- State SRTS Coordinator reviews Districts request
- Send request approval to Districts
- Districts send notification to applicants



6. ACT ON PLAN

- Hold a fun-filled kick-off event and invite the media.
- Participate in Walk\Bike to School Day or celebrate Walking Wednesdays.
- Start walking activities before, during or after school right on the school grounds.

Enforcement, education, encouragement and engineering strategies will all come together as pieces of the plan are implemented.



7. EVALUATE, MAKE IMPROVEMENTS & KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Monitor and identify which strategies are increasing the number of students safely walking and bicycling to school.

Consider how to sustain energy and interest in the program so that students continue to walk and bicycle to school safely.

- Let people know about the successes.
- Encourage policy changes.
- Create a permanent committee



WRAP UP & QUESTIONS

- Safe Routes projects take a lot of work and effort, but are definitely worth it.
- It takes all of the 5 E's to have a successful SRTS program.
- Help is available with the application process.

QUESTIONS???

